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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, ID

SUBJECT: INDONESIA BAN ON NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE

REF: JAKARTA 14913

1. INDONESIA BAN ON NEWSWEEK, TOGETHER WITH INDICATIONS THAT GOI ANGER OVER NOVEMBER 8 ARTICLE MAY LEAD IT TO TIGHTEN UP ON FOREIGN PRESS IN GENERAL, ARE OF CONCERN TO US. EXCESSIVE GOI REACTION TO ARTICLE -- THE BAN ITSELF, PUBLIC THREATS TO ARREST INDONESIAN SOURCES, ANY FURTHER MOVES AGAINST FOREIGN PRESS -- COULD DAMAGE INDONESIA'S IMAGE HERE AND ABROAD FAR MORE THAN ANY FALLOUT FROM THE ARTICLE ITSELF.

2. WHAT WE WOULD HOPE IS THAT INDONESIANS WILL NOW LET MATTER DIE DOWN, REFRAIN FROM ADDITIONAL PUNITIVE MEASURES, AND AFTER DECENT INTERVAL QUIETLY LIFT THE BAN. WE HAVE NOTED PRESS REPORTS QUOTING MALIK AS OPPOSING BROADENING THE BAN BEYOND THE ONE JOURNALIST CONCERNED, AND FIND THIS A HOPEFUL VOICE. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY DRAW ON THE  
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ABOVE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH GOI OFFICIALS.

3. FYI. NEWSWEEK HAS NOT CONTACTED DEPARTMENT RE BAN,  
AND THERE HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN ANY PRESS INQUIRIES.

INDONESIAN EMBOFF INFORMALLY INQUIRED OF IMS WHETHER  
DEPARTMENT COULD FIND WAY TO INDICATE TO NEWSWEEK ITS  
DISAPPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 8 ARTICLE, WAS REMINDED OF  
FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN US AND TOLD USG UNABLE TO TAKE  
SUGGESTED ACTION. END FYI. KISSINGER

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